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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated January 5, 2007, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-5 and 10-13. Applicant further elects Species C. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 10-13 are directed to Species C.

Applicant's elections are made with traverse and without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that a search of both groups and all species can be conducted without serious burden on the examiner.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the

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electd species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dated: January 29, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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